

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Peter ENGHAUSER et al.

Appl. No.: **NEW** Group:
Filed: March 4, 2002 Examiner:
For: METHOD FOR SPECIFYING, EXECUTING AND
ANALYZING METHOD SEQUENCES FOR
RECOGNITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 4, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that not only the current values of the attributes but also a respective reference relating to the relevant elements in the flowchart is entered into the attribute file.

Please add the following claim:

--8. The method as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that not only the current values of the attributes but also a respective reference relating to the relevant elements in the flowchart is entered into the attribute file.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application.
Claim 8 has been added.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that not only the current values of the attributes but also a respective reference relating to the relevant elements in the flowchart is entered into the attribute file.